

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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| Applicant | : Gu et al.                             |
| App. No   | : 10/814,319                            |
| Filed     | : March 31, 2004                        |
| For       | : HIGH POWER SHORT PULSE FIBER<br>LASER |
| Examiner  | : Van Roy, Tod Thomas                   |
| Art Unit  | : 2828                                  |
| Conf No.  | : 5170                                  |

**INTERVIEW SUMMARY**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicant requests consideration of the above-identified application in view of the following:

**Summary of Interview** which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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## **SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW**

### Attendees, Date and Type of Interview

The telephonic interview was conducted on February 1, 2010 and February 5, 2010 and attended by Examiner Van Roy and the undersigned.

### Exhibits and/or Demonstrations

None

### Identification of Claims Discussed

All the pending claims

### Identification of Prior Art Discussed

U.S. Patent 6,885,683 to Fermann et al.

### Proposed Amendments

Amend Claim 22 to include “a variable attenuator disposed between said modelocked fiber oscillator and said amplifier, wherein said variable attenuator comprises a polarization optics.”

### Principal Arguments and Other Matters

Examiner Van Roy conveyed to the undersigned, that the application can be placed in condition for allowance if Claim 22 is amended as proposed above to patentably distinguish Claim 22 over U.S. Patent 6,885,683 to Fermann et al. and the withdrawn Claims 31 – 41 and 55 – 74 are canceled. The Examiner indicated that the remaining withdrawn claims are eligible for rejoinder.

### Results of Interview

On February 1, 2010, Examiner Van Roy left a voice message with the Attorney of Record, Mark J. Gallagher (Reg. No. 43,622) regarding the above-identified application. In response, the undersigned contacted the Examiner on February 1, 2010. The Examiner conveyed to the undersigned that the application can be in placed in condition for allowance if Claim 22 is amended as proposed above to patentably distinguish Claim 22 over U.S. Patent 6,885,683 to

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Fermann et al. and the withdrawn Claims 31 – 41 and 55 – 74 are canceled. The Examiner indicated that the remaining withdrawn claims are eligible for rejoinder.

On February 5, 2010, the undersigned conveyed to the Examiner that the Applicant was agreeable with the Examiner's proposed amendments to place the above-identified application in condition for allowance. The undersigned also conveyed to the Examiner that the Applicant wished to call the Examiner's attention to the co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 10/813,163 assigned to the present applications' assignee. The co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 10/813,163 published as U.S. Publication No. 2005/0226286 which was submitted in a previously filed Information Disclosure Statement.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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